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MISSION IS INFORMED THAT EC COMMISSIONER FOR DEVELOPMENT, CLAUDE CHEYSSON, PLANS TO VISIT RIYADH JUNE 9-10 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SAUDI OFFICIALS CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT AID MATTERS. CHEYSSON WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY KLAUS MEYER, EC DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND JEAN-CLAUDE EUDE, A MEMBER OF HIS PERSONAL STAFF. WE ARE TOLD THAT THE MAIN SUBJECT THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER WILL RAISE WITH SAUDI OFFICIALS IS CO-FINANCING INVOLVING THE EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND AND VARIOUS ARAB FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED IN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN AFRICA (REFAIR). IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING, FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMISSION OFFICIALS HERE, THAT CHEYSSON MAY ALSO SEEK AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH HIS SAUDI COUNTERPARTS ON WAYS TO RECYCLE PETRO-DOLLARS IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO BOTH THIRD WORLD UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN THE OECD COUNTRIES. (THIS IS A PET THEME OF CHEYSSON'S WHICH HE FREQUENTLY BRINGS UP IN PUBLIC SPEECHES AND IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS AND WORLD BANK REPRESENTATIVES.) GIVEN MEYER'S RESPONSIBILITY IN THE EC COMMISSION FOR EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE MATTERS, IT APPEARS LIKELY TO US THAT THE EC DELEGATION WILL ALSO SEEK SAUDI VIEWS ON THE SHORT

AND MEDIUM TERM PROSPECTS FOR THE DIALOGUE. HI	NTON	
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